Minutes of the Faculty of Science
Council Meeting No. 141
held on Thursday, January 19TH, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
in the AdHum Boardroom, AH 527

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Senate Representatives: L. Brown, J. Coleman

Representatives from other Faculties/Units: L. Bradshaw, R. Petry, C. Phelps, J. Spalding, L. Tottenham, M. Vetter

Regrets: M. Barbi, A. Fizzard, K. Herman, G. Hunter, S. Murphy, C. Oriet, S. Rheault

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Move to approve the agenda
Leavitt/Kozdron CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS TO SCIENCE COUNCIL

2.1 University of Regina President, Dr. Vianne Timmons
President Timmons congratulated new Science Dean Farenick. She noted that student enrollment was almost 15,000 this year. Renovations are ongoing in College West Resident, Dark Hall, and the College Avenue campus. President Timmons answered questions raised by individual members of Council.

2.2 University of Regina Vice President (Research), Dr. David Malloy
Vice President Malloy reported that he is preparing a long-range strategic initiative plan and intends to present it to Science later in the year. Vice President Malloy also reported on Federal Science Minister Ducan’s visit, the research impact webpage, and the latest funding data from NSERC.

2.3 MITACS Business Development Specialist, Dr. Zsuzsanna Papp
Dr Papp gave an overview of MITACS opportunities for faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 140 HELD SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2016
(Attached to the minutes as Appendix I)
Leavitt/ Kozdron CARRIED
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
No business arising

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS
- Dean Farenick acknowledged and thanked Dr Neil Ashton for his services in the Faculty of Science for many years and congratulated him on his retirement. Dean Farenick further noted that Dr Cory Butz had been reappointed as Associate Dean (Research) of Science and that Dr Karen Meagher was appointed as Acting Associate in FGSR.
- Faculty of Science is currently recruiting: an Assistant Professor (tenure-track) of Physics; a Lecturer of Computer Science (3-year term) to develop the Master of Health Information Management program; and a Science Technician (2-year term) for bio-safety and standards compliance.
- Two more council meetings will be added yearly, with the additional meetings to be held in March and November.
- Faculty of Science will begin approving Science graduate programs changes before sending them to FGSR for approval.

6. REPORTS FROM DEAN'S OFFICE
6.1 Associate Dean (Research) Report
NSERC applications have been going on.

6.2 Associate Dean (Academic)
6.2.1 (Spring) 2017 Graduands (distributed at the door)
Approve 2017 Spring Graduands List
Leavitt/Kozdron CARRIED

6.2.2 Admissions & Studies Committee Report (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the A & S Reports – Attached as Appendix II)

(2.0) Department of Biology
(2.1) Approval to change the requirement of Biol 402 in the Environmental Biology BSc and BSc Hons programs. CARRIED

(3.0) Department of Computer Science
(3.1) Approval to create the BSc in Computer Science, Creative Technologies Concentration.
Mobed/Mouhoub CARRIED

(4.0) Department of Mathematics & Statistics
(4.1) Approval to create a Certificate in Statistics, and a Certificate in Statistics with a Cooperative Education (Coop) option.
Mobed/Fallat CARRIED

(4.2) Approval to add Math/Stat 251 to the BSc and BSc Hons in Math programs.
Mobed/Fallat CARRIED
(4.3) Approval to update the BSc in Actuarial Science
Correction: removed STAT 289 from required courses
Mobed/Fallat  CARRIED

(4.4) Approval to replace Stat 471 with Stat 418 in the “four from” list within the
BSc in Statistics program.
Mobed/Fallat  CARRIED

(5.0) Faculty of Science, in conjunction with the Department of Biology and First
Nations University
(5.1) Approval to delete Enhs 305 from the BSc in Indigenous Environmental
Science, effective immediately.
Mobed/Hall  CARRIED

(6.0) Faculty of Science, in conjunction with the Department of Geography
(6.1) Approval to add Math 103 as an alternative to Math 110 in the BSc Major
and BSc Hons Major in Geography.
Mobed/Fallat  CARRIED

(6.2) Approval to add Math 103 as an alternative to Math 110, and to add Math
112 as an alternative to Math 111, in BSc Combined Major in Biology and
Geography.
Mobed/Fallat  CARRIED

(7.0) Faculty of Science, in conjunction with the Department of Physics
(7.1) Approval to expand the Diploma options accepted toward the Bachelor of
Medical Imaging (BMI), and Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS)
programs.
Mobed/Leavitt  CARRIED

(8.0) Department of Physics
(8.1) Approval to remove Phys 292, 322, 351, 362 and add Phys 251 and three of
Phys 319, 322, 352, 362, 421, 432 to the requirements of the BSc Physics major
program.
Mobed/Ouimet  CARRIED

(8.2) Approval to remove Phys 292, 351, 490, and add Phys 251, 498, 499 to the
requirements of the Honours BSc Physics major program.
Mobed/Ouimet  CARRIED

(8.3) Approval to remove Phys 292, 322, 351, 362, 490, and add Phys 251, 498
three of Phys 319, 322, 352, 362, 392, 421, 432 to the requirements of the BSc in
Applied Physics.
Mobed/Ouimet  CARRIED

6.3 Faculty Administrator
(Attached to the minutes as Appendix III)
With the move of Science Store to FMS, Leavitt raised a concern about tender requirements for urgent order.

7. NEW BUSINESS (Attached to the minutes as Appendix IV)

7.1 Chemistry & Biochemistry Department Updates to Graduate Program
Cancellation of program: Approval that the curriculum committee recommends the attached amendments to all graduate programs
Raina-Fulton/Sterenberg CARRIED

7.2 Computer Science Graduate Program Changes
7.2.1 Approval for cancelling MSc Co-op Route Program: Cancellation of program: to remove MSc Coop route, effective Fall 2017
Volodin/Fallat CARRIED

7.2.2 Approval to add Co-op designation to Master Programs: Adding Co-op designation to MSc Course-based, Project-based and Thesis-based Masters programs: To create a new designation in Masters program, effective Fall 2017
Volodin/Fallat CARRIED

7.3 Mathematics & Statistics Graduate Program Changes
MSc program in Mathematics (Coop route) and MSc program in Statistics (Coop route):
Approval to create the MSc Math (Coop option) and MSc Stat (Coop option), as proposed in the attached document.
Volodin/Fallat CARRIED

7.4 Faculty of Science Policy on Instructional and Information Technology
Approval to adopt the proposed policy regarding instructional and information technology.
Herman/ Kozdron CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

8.1 Update from URFA Council of Representatives
Dr Britt Hall reported that the URFA Council of Representatives is a new URFA initiative. She further invited URFA members to a “Meet and Greet” at 11:00 on Friday, Jan. 20, in the Science Common Room (LB 239).

8.2 Update on Canada Wide Science Fair
Need 135 judges; please encourage your graduate students to volunteer by contacting Dr Pierre Ouimet via chief.judge@youthscience.ca

9. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES/UNITS/COMMITTEES
Dr N Kolev questioned about a change of handling accommodation for students with special needs.
Dean Farenick noted that this is in his “to do” list.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11.1 Biology
   No report

11.2 Chemistry and Biochemistry
   Babu received a $1.2 million CIHR grant.
   Enrolment is at maximum capacity.

11.3 Computer Science
   Enrolment is at maximum capacity.

11.4 Geology
   No report

11.5 Mathematics and Statistics
   - Two faculty members in the department took new roles: Drs Farenick and Meagher as Dean of Science and Associate Dean FGSR respectively.
   - A math camp and a math competition will be held March 10 and 26.
   - Math Study Centre is live on webpage.
   - Math tutoring is offered at night.

11.6 Physics
   No report

12. OTHER BUSINESS
   No other business

13. ADJOURNMENT
   Leavitt
   The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.